(a) the details of *modus operandi* prescribed for spending the Vikas Nidhi; and

(b) the Vidyalaya-wise details of amount raised in KVS, till date, and the heads of expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi (VVN) has been set up in Kendriya Vidyalayas w.e.f. 1.4.2000 by charging Rs. 100/- from each student (Rs. 125/-p.m. from Science Students of class XI & XII).

(c) Expenditure is being incurred out of this Nidhi after obtaining approval of Executive Committee of Vidyalaya Management Committee on Pupils Societies, Scouts and Guide activities, Horticulture, Maintenance and Repair of Vidyalaya Building, Annual Day/Sports Day, Engaging part-time/contractual watch & ward staff, Rent, Rate & Taxes, Furniture, Library, Laboratory and sports equipment, Computers, CBSE examination fees for SC/ST students and other various students academic and extra co-curricular activities.

(d) The information regarding amount raised till date and the amounts under the various heads of expenditure is not maintained centrally.

Right to education

679. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated the 17th October, 2001 captioned "Right to education being compromised, according to National Alliance for the Fundamental Right to Education report on education", released by Attorney General of India in New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not been able to implement the Universal right to education and six per cent share of gross domestic product (GDP) should have been earmarked as education expenditure; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction to above mentioned report prepared by the National Alliance for the Fundamental Right to Education (NAFRE)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While significant progress has been made in the field of elementary education in the country, the goal of Universal Elementary Education (UEE) has not been achieved. In order to attain the goal of UEE, the Government has taken following steps:

(i) It has launched the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in a mission mode in partnership with the States.

(ii) The Constitution (Eighty-Third Amendment) Bill, 1997 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1997 to make right to free and compulsory education for children from 6-14 years of age a Fundamental Right. Based on the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee and Law Commission, Government proposes to withdraw the Bill and introduce a more comprehensive Bill in the current session of Parliament.

(iii) While the investment in the sector has so far fallen short of 6% of GDP, expenditure on elementary education by Government has been substantially stepped up in the Ninth Five Year Plan.

Upcoming vacancy of Commissioner of Kendriya Vidyalaya

680. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present incumbent to the post of commissioner of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is completing his deputation-tenure on 11th December, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the upcoming vacancy has since been advertised/ circulated/filed up;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?